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REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request that the above application as amended be reconsidered. Claims 1-31 are currently pending. Claims 1-24 have been allowed, and Claims 27-28 are said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 25 has been amended to clarify that the turbine engine rotor component is coated using the method of Claim 1.

No new matter is introduced by the above amendment, and it is requested that it be entered.

A. Response to Rejection of Claims 25, 26, 29 and 30 under 35 USC 102(b) as Anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,795,659 (Meelu et al.)

Claims 25, 26, 29 and 30 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by the '659 reference.

Applicants assert that this rejection is rendered moot in view of the amendment to Claim 25, which specifies that the aluminide or chromide coating is formed using the method of allowed Claim 1.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 25, 26, 29 and 30 is requested.

B. Response to Rejection of Claims 25, 26 and 31 under 35 USC 102(e) as Anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,797,408 (Walston et al.)

Claims 25, 26 and 31 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by the '408 reference.

Applicants assert that this rejection is rendered moot in view of the amendment to Claim 25, which specifies that the aluminide or chromide coating is formed using the method of allowed Claim 1.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 25, 26 and 31 is requested.

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C. Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-24 have been allowed.

Claims 27 and 28 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In view of the above amendment to Claim 25, Applicants request withdrawal of the objection to Claims 27 and 28, and allowance of these claims.

D. Conclusion

It is believed that the above represents a complete response to the Examiner's rejections and places the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1-31 are respectfully requested.

Applicants would appreciate the courtesy of a telephone call should the Examiner have any questions or comments with respect to this response.

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